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<u>Ouestion</u>: May a Domestic Relations Commissioner campaign for the adoption of a Constitutional Amendment?

Answer: Yes.

This question comes to us from a Domestic Relations Commissioner who was formerly a member of the Kentucky General Assembly. He wishes to campaign for the adoption of HB 16, a Constitutional Amendment which would permit the General Assembly or an agency or committee it designates to review, approve or reject administrative regulations when the General Assembly is not in regular session. The Judicial Ethics Committee finds nothing in the Code of Judicial Ethics which would prohibit such an activity on behalf of a Domestic Relations Commissioner. Indeed, campaigning for or against a Constitutional Amendment may be specifically permitted by Canon 4.

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